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MRS. J. W. MCCONNELL,
Business Manager.

We can offer no better editorial thoughts in this issue than to urge upon our co-workers in the vast harvest field a plea for subscribers and for monthly reports of their work. We will allow you ten per cent. on clubs of ten or more at \$1 each for one year, or twenty or more at 50 cents each. The Record's first year is assured, so do not be afraid to invest. Send in short reports of your work on the 20th day of February. Read the sample copy

we send you and you will know what we want. Beside the Benevolent Societies we wish to ask for reports from the Protestant Infirmary, the Church Home and Endowment Fund, the Woman's Guild, comprising the coal committee, sick committee, employment bureau, secretary and treasurer's report.

Christ Church, the Mission of the Good Shepherd, the Little Gleaners, St. John's Church, including St. Andrew's Brotherhood and St. Mary's Guild.

The Main Street Christian, comprising the woman's and and young people's auxiliaries, children's mission band and ladies' aid society.

The Broadway Christian, woman's auxiliary, young people's mission band, happy workers and Chestnut Street Mission.

The First Baptist Church, ladies' aid society, helping hand society, busy bees, etc. Upper Street Baptist, ladies' aid society and young people's league.

Centenary Methodist Church, ladies' and pastor's aid society, busy helpers, Epworth league, woman's home and foreign missionary societies.

Hill Street Methodist, parsonage aid society, woman's and young people's missionary societies.

First Presbyterian, ladies' and young people's missionary societies, young women's league, men's club, Lucas Mission, and working league.

Second Presbyterian, two missionary societies, etc.

The Home of the Friendless, Orphan's Home, Industrial School, Charity Organization, Woman's Exchange, King's Daughters, King's Lilies, W. C. T. U. in all its branches, Y. M. C. A., St. Joseph's Hospital, Boy's Club, Music Club, and all others, if any have been omitted.

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Charity Organization.

The regular monthly meeting of the Charity Organization was held in the Chamber of Commerce room at 4 o'clock on the usual day. There were present, President Mat Walton, Mrs. Walter Scott, Mrs. S. A. Charles, Mrs. Mattie Kimbrough, Mrs. W. H. Boswell, Mrs. Perry, Mrs. W. T. Woodard, Mrs. W. D. Bryant, Mrs. E. S. Riggs, Mr. W. D. Bryant, Treasurer J. R. Howard, and E. J. Green, Jr., Secretary. Among the matters of business transacted, was the approval of the semi-annual report of the Treasurer, which showed the finances of the institution in a healthy and growing condition, a number of persons having paid the subscriptions made at the Opera House meeting last spring.

The reports of the Board of Lady Managers and of the Matron show the institution to be in a very healthy condition and a large amount of charity work done during the last six months: In addition to the unfortunate little children cared for at the home, a number of cases of relief afforded in various parts of the city were reported and approved. These reports were received and placed in the hands of the publishing committee for publication, and they will be published in detail, so that all those who have aided this noble institution will see how their money has been expended. Donations are always gratefully received by the Lady Board of Managers, which meets every Wednesday afternoon in the Chamber of Commerce room.

THE CENTENARY METHODIST CHURCH.

Church, Societies, Epworth League, Etc., Etc.

The Methodist Episcopal church of this city has made a good record the past year. Aside from the regular services and steady growth of church and Sunday School, which we all recognize, there is an Epworth League, an organization of young people with sixty members, who add largely to the spirituality and sociability of the congregation. They hold a social meeting once a month, and a religious meeting once a week, both ladies and gentlemen taking their turn in presiding, thus fitting themselves to take the place of older ones which in time will necessarily be made vacant.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, assisted by a board of children called the Willing Workers, raised by voluntary contribution and mite boxes \$169 during the past year. The Woman's Home Missionary Society has raised and dispensed in money and in boxes, \$260. These boxes contain everything from an overcoat and cloak to shoes large and small, also groceries and even carpets to add to the comfort of the barren homes of our faithful, self-denying mountain preachers. The letters of gratitude received fully compensate the ladies for this labor of love.

There is a Pastor's Aid Society. Committees from each ward assist the pastor in his work of visiting the sick, gathering in Sunday School scholars and helping the poor of the congregation with clothing and fuel. We also responded to an appeal from the Protestant Infirmary, taking a collection of \$50 at the morning service, and sending eleven subscribers for the Record. This, with many untold and unknown-to-the-public acts of individual kindness by the members, gives a report of which Centenary Church does not feel ashamed.

- K. M.

The Boys' Club.

Under Miss Thurman's tuition about twenty newsboys and boot-blacks assemble at seven every evening at the club room in the Carty building and spend one hour in study and another at games. Mrs. John McFarland is the patroness of this charity and supplies all the funds, through the kindly agency of Miss Florence Norton.

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AUNT JEAN'S LETTER.

Protestant Infirmary, Home of the Friendless.

Nurses, Donations, Prospects, Notes and Incidents.

Dear Friends:

Our "House Beautiful" is in our hearts and on our minds from one letter to another, is it not? And is not the Infirmary a house beautiful in all that makes up the true beauty of living?—Aye, and of dying; for death spares not all of our suffering ones. Father Morgan whose dreadful affliction once saddened this page, is sheltered now in the Everlasting Arms. Others have gone out cured, and the doors stand open to yet others, even to all for whom there is room. The Christmas season was one of blessings. Our hearts were as those of little children, soft and tender and generous, for the Mighty One was once a child Himself, and who would not be like Him? Little by little the substantial things of this world come in till in the retrospect they constitute a grand sum total. Since my last letter Mrs. Woolfolk has twice sent papers, some for reading, others for the many uses to which old papers may be applied. Mrs. Maria Dudley has given a glass lemon squeezer, two meat dishes and cranberries, which are so refreshing at this season. Mrs. France sent a lot of papers, a

Christmas turkey, and realizing the need of mental relaxation, she also subscribed for The Record and the Ladies' Home Journal, for the Infirmary. Mrs. J. W. McConnell sent turnips and old linen. Miss Johns sent jelly, oranges and one dozen light rolls, which gave a delicious bit of home cookery for those who feasted on them. Mrs. Dillake gave a soup tureen. Mrs. Warren, true to her English traditions and the yule tide spirit, sent a Christmas fruit cake for the nurses, who are all vigorous young women with good appetites. Also the matron and housekeeper, who shared the holiday feast. Mrs. R. McMeekin, whose brother died at the House Beautiful, is continually showing an abiding interest in the place where he was so carefully nursed till the end. At different times she has sent during the month seven gallons of buttermilk, five and a half gallons of sweet milk, three and a half pounds of butter, oysters and squab. Dr. Jos. Bryan gave surgical silk, probe and forceps. Mrs. Dr. Edgar sent two pounds of butter and two gallons of buttermilk, a very scarce and acceptable article at this season. Mrs. J. H. March sent fifty pounds of flour. Dr. Barrow sent eighteen sponges and a bandage roller. An unknown friend sent a bag of flour. Mrs. Alford sent croquettes, a delicacy in a hospital cuisine. Mrs. Goodloe contributed oysters, another seasonable relish. Miss

Bean sent mince pies, jelly and pickles. Mrs. Williamson gave five pounds of candy, two pounds of tea, two bottles of catsup, two of sauce, and one extract of lemon. Mrs. Ben Bruce sent a cake, Mrs. W. F. Smith an English plum pudding; Mrs. Lyne, Charlotte Russe; Mrs. Shelby, bowl of cranberries; Mrs. Maria Bacon, a cake; Mrs. Winston, bowl of jelly; Mrs. Simonds sent three dozen oranges, bowl of ambrosia, grapes and two dozen eggs; Mr. L. Hutchison sent one dozen lemons. He is a staunch friend to the Infirmary. Mr. C. S. Johns sent a glass calendar. He is another true friend. He not only contributes in this way, but advertises in The Record. Mrs. Plunkett gave six little cream pitchers. These will match with the pretty individual teapots which she gave some weeks ago. Mrs. Reed gave one cask of native wine. Mrs. Ockford gave old flannel and cotton; Mrs. King gave old linen; Mrs. John B. Huston sent a fire screen and a pair of crutches.

THE TRAINING SCHOOL

Is prospering even beyond expectation. Miss Jenkins, the head nurse and superintendent, reports for the ten months as follows: "We have four nurses employed. During the time of our existence we have furnished fourteen weeks of private nursing outside of the hospital, for which

have paid out to the nurses in salaries, only \$48." (The pupil nurses are furnished a home, washing and uniform and paid a small salary besides.—Ed.) "From patients and nurses the income has been \$664.25. Entire satisfaction has been given in each case of outside nursing. Dr. Barrow began the course of lectures by the city physicians on the 3d of January, 1891. The number of patients treated, 55; women, 24; men, 31; number of surgical operations, 14; deaths, 5. Of the patients 12 are Episcopalians; 5 Christian church; 6 Presbyterians; 6 Baptists; 6 Methodists; 6 Romanists; 12 unknown, and two belong to no church." (Of the nurses Miss Jenkins is a Methodist; Miss Larkin, Christian; Miss Brown, Baptist; Miss Westcott, not reported; Miss Haley, the housekeeper, and Mother Taylor are also members of Protestant churches, holding different theological tenets from the Board of Managers.—Ed.) "Thirty-seven different diseases have been treated."

THE ANNEX.

When the annex of seven rooms is completed patients will probably not be turned away for lack of room. This annex is of brick and is fast going up. It will cost \$5,000, and must be paid for this year. Surely if \$14,000 came at our call the first year, the second will bring forth financial fruits. Dear friends,

have you reflected that comparatively few of our citizens are acquainted with our "House Beautiful?" Will you let me suggest a plan? You who go every week, taking your turn day after day, invite some one outside to go with you, not to interfere with the dutiful part of your mission, but to share its pleasant features. A Charity Ball, a Loan Art Exhibition, the comedy of The Rajah by Lexington amateurs, and a Dickens Festival, are in view as ways of meeting the debt for the new building, as well as to found a fund for the charity patients in our public wards. Earnest, zealous, faithful women are giving time and money to the work. Be not disheartened. Already the genius of success sits enthroned around about us. And when our friends in other churches shall become fairly acquainted with this refuge, they too will help us with might and main.

CASH CONTRIBUTIONS.

A friend whose name was not given, sent \$25; Mrs. Dr. Sweeney sent \$5; Capt. Fitzhugh, \$5; Mrs. Goodloe, \$60; Mrs. Woodward, \$10; Messrs. Andy and Ben Gratz each sent \$10, Mrs. Swift, \$50; Miss Ann Pickett, \$25; Mr. France paid his annual contribution of \$100. The box stationed inside the postoffice yielded \$2.06. Mr. Seelbach sent \$2 to be expended for delicacies for the sick, and a small amount was gathered from the locked box at the Infirmary.

THE HOME OF THE FRIENDLESS

Wears its winter garb. Homes have been found for the three young girls, and the old ladies are jogging on in their peaceful routine. Aunt Patsy's trouble yesterday was a pain in the side, and for once her hands were folded; but I suspect if she had had any rags to cut the pain would have grown small. "I'm going to make that silk rug for you," she said, "when I can get some pieces. Tell your friends to send me some old silk pieces and old soiled ribbons. I can put things in a rug that are not nice enough for a quilt." Aunt Patsy is 91 years old and she says she wants to live long enough to make another carpet. "This is a mighty good home, I don't want any better," she said, when referring to the kindness of friends. Blind Mother Steele was walking about, guiding her way with her stick. Without Aunt Patsy to cut her rags she cannot sew. It is wonderful how she helps herself. I asked her thread her needle. She took off her black sunbonnet and removed a string from her neck to which was tied a key. With this she unlocked her trunk which stands close beside her arm-chair, and took therefrom her thread and needle. In a moment she had joined the two. She said, "Nobody knows what it is to be blind. But I don't complain. The Lord knows

what is best for me, and He makes no mistakes."

Then she laughed and told how Flip, the dog, had caught at her stick with his teeth, frolicking about when she tried to hit him, and how he stole Aunt Patsy's carpet rags and ran off to chew them up. "Well," said Matron Mary, "you won't let me give him away. Everybody wants him. In fact, I could sell him any day for ten dollars—he is of good blood." No, the old ladies scold Flip, but they like his wilful ways and saucy bark. Just then Aunt Amy came in to "water her sheep," she said. Twice a day she brings water to the old ladies who can't go to the bucket. Mother Steele was not quite as placid as usual. Years ago she had a son killed on the railroad, and every like accident brings back her sorrow. Even as we talked the bell of St. Paul's was tolling the knell of Jimmy Kane, who was killed at Cumberland Gap, and the funeral train was slowly passing the window where sat the old blind, bereaved mother. Matron Mary, too, was sad and worn, from watching beside Nannie, her daughter, who is ill with malarial fever.

It was but a step through the next room where sat two more inmates, Mother Cronleigh still nursing her lame foot, on through the kitchen where more of them were busy, and on out to the sunny back pavement where Dick

corn was shelled out to him. At first he daintily hopped over it as much as to say "I want green corn or none at all." But smiling Aunt Amy chewed up a grain or two, and then shaking his red comb he pecked at it with more interest. Flip looked on with mischievous eyes, but did not dare approach. Biddy was very busy hatching out her brood, but they do say that she refuses to go on her nest unless Dick is near. Little Massie Denny took the old ladies some oranges. Their Christmas donations were most liberal. Dr. Edgar has since given wine for the sick and vinegar to supply the whole establishment. Go to see them, friends, and take something dainty from your own tables. Many old persons like fruit and candy as well as children. Take old half-worn black gowns if you do not wish to give new material, and your faded housekeeper's apron would look well enough in that modest, simple abode.

Yours, in loving fellowship,

AUNT JEAN.

Personal.

Mrs. J. W. McConnell, the zealous founder and business manager of The Record, will spend the months of February and March in Memphis, Tenn., her old home. Her health suffers under the rigors of our climate in winter. But though absent her heart and service are with us.

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The Woman's Guild of Christ Church.

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There is no more efficient band of servitors for the Master than this society. The greatest possible interest is manifested at the weekly meetings and the amount of good done can scarcely be estimated. Miss Mary Harrison, the President, devotes her life to home mission work. Her keen intellect grasps a situation with unerring accuracy. Her trenchant wit asserts itself without pretension, and infuses spice into the driest details of parliamentary business. Her faith would inspire a skeptic, and her zeal is unquenchable. She is ably supported by some thirty members who represent the salt of the earth among woman-kind. There is no time nor disposition for gossip or idle talk, yet the ease of friendly commingling robs these sittings of stiffness. The cost of membership is 25 cents a year, with a fine of five cents for absence. The meetings are opened with prayer. Reports from secretary, treasurer, coal committee, cutting committee, and visiting committee follow in succession, each topic admitting of more or less discussion. The branches of work are so systematized that it has been easy to secure a compendium which will be read with interest. Mrs. Williamson, the faithful, efficient Secretary, has given an admirable report for The Record, which we regret to be obliged to cut for lack of space. We give the main portion.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Guild is flourishing with a steady glowing zeal. Our average attendance this winter has been about thirty (30) members at each meeting, thirty hearts beating with love and sympathy for the poor, sick and unfortunate, and twice as many hands ready to administer to the helpless. Without a jar or discord, like well harmonized music, this band work together week after week and month after month. We find much to encourage us, although our work seems to multiply before us; and although we do accomplish much, there are many things we would like to do that are yet beyond our reach.

We have a coal bureau which, after careful investigation, gives coal to the poor; and an employment bureau which gives sewing to poor sewing women in the hope of relieving their pecuniary wants without the humiliation of begging. We also have a large trunk where it is the duty of each member to place at least two garments, or as many as may be spared from her household, to be used in our home missionary work in the visiting among the unfortunate; and it goes out of that trunk about as fast as it goes in; sometimes it goes out before it gets in at all, and there are no calls unheeded. So, dear Record, if your friends have dresses, cloaks, underwear, hose, shoes, bonnets, hats, or gloves for women, girls or boys that are filling up presses or chests and not of further use to them, please tell them where they can send them to do good.

With all this home work we did not let pass by unheeded a call from the church at Middlesborough, but sent fifty dollars as our mite. We are not weary toilers in the vineyard, but a happy, hopeful band who truly enjoy the weekly meetings and the duties they entail.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Miss Virginia Johns furnishes the following figures from her record as Treasurer of the Guild. Receipts during the month of September \$90.70; disbursements, \$109.51; for October, \$23.60 received; \$13.04 disbursed; for November, \$54.70 received, \$41.80 disbursed; for December, \$50.10 received; \$57 disbursed; for January, \$253.35 received, \$126.89 disbursed. Balance in the treasury, \$133.76. The unusual yield in January was largely from the Orange Tree Bazaar. Fees, fines, sale of garments, and voluntary contributions, supply the funds.

EMPLOYMENT BUREAU.

Mrs. Dr. George Oekford is manager of this branch and gives the following items: Sixty-five garments were made in December. Received for garments sold \$19; disbursed for sewing, \$10.35. Two ladies are appointed each week to cut the cloth which is purchased by the Guild. They

go to the Church Home, which is the place of meeting, early Thursday morning and cut till eleven o'clock, the Guild's hour. Poor women come in numbers to get the work, and really if it were generally known what neat seamstresses are among them many families in the city might be glad to employ them. Sometimes the cloth is presented. Mrs. H. C. McDowell contributed a bolt of cotton at the beginning of the season. In this case the sale of garments is clear gain.

COAL REPORT.

Miss Lizzie Bean, the Secretary of the coal fund, reports 399 bushels distributed among sixty-five families from the 17th of October to the 22d of January. The Guild purchases one thousand bushels of coal every winter and Mr. H. K. Wilward has it delivered to the person presenting an official ticket for a given number of bushels. In order to relieve the Guild of the burden of so many families, two delegates from each church in the city have been invited to meet with the Guild and confer as to the applicants for relief. If each church could have the care of its own poor by a system of just allotment, the labor and expense would be lighter for all. The poor who belong to no church by membership or association do not come under this head. As it is, it is hardly creditable that sixty-five poor families are entitled to aid from Christ Church, when other denominations state that they have no poor. The fault lies somewhere, though certainly not with any religious community in our city, for all are equally charitable at heart.

HELPING THE POOR.

Nothing is more difficult than the question of how to help those who will not help themselves. Poor Joseph II. of Austria, died a martyr to the solution. All high-flown ideas of philanthropy must fall before the homely realities of the case as it is. Stolid in their misery, and utterly callous to pride or ambition, how shall you influence those who sit day after day on bare floors, beside paneless windows, content if you will but feed them and put coal into the smoky stove? Several of our number have concluded to try the religion of cleanliness and comfort as a stepping-stone to higher things. Armed with needles and thread they are taking house by house, and while they sit and mend and patch the clothing of the inmates (if they have any,) they try to drop hints for profit. A good woman thus visited one of *les misérables* and induced her to paper her walls with pictures from Harper's periodicals. Little by little a scrap of ornament appeared here and there, a cast-off picture, a broken bit of china, "wisely kept for show," till the sensibilities thereby aroused refused to be satisfied

with the dreary details of abject poverty. A store of bright patches on shelf and wall, had for the asking, began to make sunshine here below, and leave crevices in the awakening soul for the light by and by of the Sun of Righteousness in the home beyond. Is it not worth a trial?

The King's Daughters.

The King's Lilies.

On Thursday afternoon of each week the King's Daughters, to the number of nearly fifty, assemble at Mrs. John Pew's parlors on North Broadway. Mrs. Pew is President of the Society. She opens the meeting with prayer, and a chapter from the Bible is read around the circle, one verse each. Passages are discussed and proved, not by the aid of commentaries, but by marginal references, making Scripture prove Scripture. The fees are five cents a week, and ten cents at stated intervals to the Central Ten among the founders of the order. The money is used for any special charity desired by the society. At present they are supporting entirely an old colored woman, who is worthy and helpless. The association is undenominational and unfettered by any law, deed or charter, which might limit or locate its usefulness.

THE KING'S LILIES.

This beautiful branch of the work was established in memory of Mrs. Lily Brand Duncan, and numbers sixteen members. Mrs. Pew is President, and at the weekly meetings on Saturday morning the International Lesson Paper is read. The children contribute two pennies a week. Though organized very late in the year, they had at Christmas time between four and five dollars in the treasury. With this they had promised themselves the pleasure of taking a doll and a basket of good things to the little hydrocephalus patient at St. Joseph's Hospital, who is as affectionate as unfortunate. The visitation of sleet prevented, so now they look forward to an Easter offering to a sick child at the Hospital or Infirmary, as the case may be. The names enrolled to date among The Lillies are: Lily Voorhies, Nannie Voorhies, Alex May, Mary May, Fanny Duncan, Bettie Johnson, Ada Saffarans, Mary Swift, Elizabeth Higgins, Lucia Harbinson, Grace Engman, Tillie Engman, Georgie Whitney, Essie Whitney, Mabel Boswell, Jessie Boswell.

Statue of Washington.

Mrs. Rosa Vertner Jeffrey is collecting money to contribute to the fund required to send a bronze statue of George Washington to France in return for the gift of Bartholdi's statue of "Liberty Enlightening the World." Sums from twenty-five cents up are received at her home on Market and Second streets.

Hindoo Civilization.

Mrs. G. L. Wharton, who has recently returned from India, met with the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Broadway Christian Church at their last meeting. In reply to questions she gave a good deal of information. Nothing is considered a sin among the Hindoos except some offense against an idol. Murder, lying and stealing are not crimes; there is no law against them except English law. The life of no Hindoo is considered of any value except it be that of a man of high caste, and even then if the murderer cuts off his hands he is not held responsible.

Chestnut Street Mission.

The handsome brick church on Chestnut street, which was established a year ago as a Mission by the Broadway Christian Church, is now almost self-sustaining. The Sunday School numbers one hundred and fifty scholars, and there are over one hundred names on the church book, with frequent additions. The pastor, Mr. Tinsley, has the confidence and affection of them all. Chestnut street has improved rapidly, and the church could not have selected a better location. Electric cars pass the door, and the street will be lighted by electricity.

Kindergarten.

Since the January issue of The Record vigorous movements have been set on foot to establish free kindergartens in Lexington. Mr. Howard Gratz, editor of the Gazette, has organized one at the Industrial school rooms in memory of his mother, Mary Cecil, who died fifty years ago. Miss Mary Hamilton is the teacher.

The W. C. T. U. are soliciting subscriptions for another free kindergarten. The value of this kind of training among the children is immeasurable. More than anything else in life it proves how truly prevention is better than cure.

The Church Home.

This institution given by Mrs. E. B. Woodward for a refuge for the women of the Episcopal Church who are not paupers, but who required assistance, has been further aided by voluntary contributions. Mrs. Wm. Warren sends us a brief notice of the Home Endowment Fund, which she undertook to raise about four years ago. She says: "To raise a fund of \$1,500 from a subscription of ten cents a week looked almost like folly, yet it has not proved so. The fund now amounts to nine hundred and five dollars and thirty cents. Eight hundred dollars are now out at interest, which brings fifty-eight dollars and fifty cents a year. If the subscribers still feel disposed to continue their contributions the desired amount can be easily raised."

The Second Presbyterian Church has lately given a contract for the building of a new organ which is to be erected about the first of March according to a novel and beautiful plan. It will be much larger than the one now in the church and will have many improvements upon the old style mechanism. The choir in this church are all members of it, and work together in furnishing music which is both beautiful and churchly. We understand that the congregation are looking forward to a series of meetings the first week in February, when Dr. Blackburn, of Covington, Ky., will preach every night.

Equal Rights Champions.

Among the faithful in our great band of Lexington philanthropists is a woman whose every pulse throbs with anguished sympathy for womankind, whose heart and mind devote their mighty strength to breaking the chains from her sisters, whose nervous force is tried to the utmost tension lest she fail. It is to her that we bread winners owe the wondrous revolution in the social code which permits the Southern woman to go out from her home and earn her living. She and her co-workers have made it possible for women to be clerks, type-writers, merchants,—aye, something besides the household drudge and the needle's slave. Read the literature she scatters broadcast; give her a respectful hearing; study the property laws she would correct so as to enable you to hold the pitiful sums you work for, and the day may come within our generation when in the evening, if not in the meridian of life, Laura B. Clay may sit with hands folded and look triumphantly upon the blessings she has wrought. With woman's innate reserve, she faces the multitudes with the courage of conviction. With all of a Southern woman's shrinking delicacy, she presses on, conscious that innovations are opposed, that Ephraim will cling to his idol of ignorant submission. A Kentucky woman, with the boasted blue blood of the Bluegrass heraldry in her veins, she turns from the social triumphs to which her native gifts entitle her, to the disputed arena of woman's true place under the laws of the Commonwealth. Do we, her sisters, realize her motives and her aims?

The W. C. T. U.

We should like to receive on the 20th of February short reports from the Lexington Union, Mrs. Mary Rogers Clay local President; from the Athens Union, Miss Retta Davis, President; from the Chilesburg Union, Mrs. Levi Prewitt, President; from the Doneraile Union, Mrs. Mattie Haley, President. Also from the Loyal Legion, the Flower Mission, the Jail and Prison Work. Mrs. Frances E. Beauchamp is County President, and she is ever busy organizing unions. Make it your duty, friends, to furnish these brief monthly reports, and we will give you space in our growing paper. Furthermore, upon all clubs of ten or more we will allow you 20 per cent. commission, the money to be applied in your societies, or as you see proper to use it. Do not be afraid to subscribe. The Record will not die. Should such misfortune actually overtake your money will be used all the same to relieve the sick poor of our city. Ten subscribers at \$1 for one year, or twenty at 50 cents, and on upward. Address Lexington Record, 185 South Mill street.

The Morehead, Ky., Mission.

The Broadway Christian Church is preparing another box for this mountain church which the late Gen. Withers in part supported. Mrs. C. Calvert, of South Limestone, made a call some weeks ago for school books and suitable reading of all kinds for the people whose minds are starving in that barren section. The result was a huge box of magazines, text-books, history, fiction, etc., and the letter of warm thanks that she received amply repaid her labor. Mrs. Calvert, as President of the Broadway Aid Society, wishes to send another box as soon as contributions come in. Rid your closets and shelves of rubbish that will make glad the hearts of the Morehead people.

The Y. M. C. A.

This order has taken a fresh impetus in our city. Mr. Distin, the Secretary, is here, and active steps are on foot to secure a building where the society may grow and prosper. Prof. Wilbur Smith, Major McClellan and others are at the van. In this city where colleges abound and hundreds of young men congregate, the Y. M. C. A. should flourish beyond question. The convention to be held here during this month will bring into our midst orators from all parts of the country. Grand results are expected, and should be brought to pass.

The Orphan's Home.

We have no specific report this month from the Orphan's Home. Two little Preston girls have been entered there. A sad affliction has befallen the good Matron, Mother Albrecht, in the loss of her only son, a fine young man, whom his friends delighted to honor. She has the sympathy of The Record, and our prayer that her grandchildren and the little motherless ones may comfort her. We have known her for many years and in other scenes.

What They Say.

"We look forward to The Record as a star that grows in magnitude the nearer the time approaches for its appearance." "I wish to subscribe for The Record in order to know how and where I can do good. I should like to help the needy, but I do not know where to begin." Friends, the editor of The Record makes this subject her daily object of research. If you are at a loss just ask her what to do.—Ed.

New Subscribers.

In January the following names were added to our subscription list: M. A. Cassidy, Mrs. B. L. Coleman, Mrs. J. J. Dickey, Mrs. Dr. Edgar, Mrs. France, for Protestant Infirmary; Miss Ann Pickett, Miss Nannie Smith, Mrs. Wm. Scott, Mrs. John Shouse, Prof. Wilbur Smith, Miss Hart, Mrs. C. Calvert, and Mrs. Dudley, all of Lexington; and Mrs. Chas. W. Ross, of Frederick, Maryland. Mrs. Coleman kindly sent three of these names, including her own; Mrs. H. K. Milward promptly responded to our first call and sent eleven names from the Centenary Methodist Church. In answer to our offer of The Record and the Ladies' Home Journal for \$1.75, or each paper singly for \$1, fourteen names came in—nine for both papers and five for the Journal alone. The offer is still open, and we hope the list will increase. The small commission made on the Journal goes towards the monthly expense of editing and publishing The Record.

The Gleaners Secretary's Report.

The "Gleaners" continue to meet once a week and are busy upon gowns and flannel shirts. The interest has increased since we are to have a poor suffering child in the "Polly Monroe Cot." The earnings of the past year have been invested in bank stock, and the Gleaners are anxious to make enough money to pay the current expenses of the cot without touching the invested money, with which they hope in time to permanently endow the cot. They therefore hope the public will not think them bold if they ask their patronage for the "Cake Sale" which they expect to have in a few weeks. FANNY S. TODD, Sec'y. Yes, there will soon be a patient in the Polly Monroe cot. And already a little lame boy, Jos. Preston, is at the Infirmary, tapping about the rooms with his crutches. His friends have sent him slates, pencils, books, clothing and cakes, Jos. probably thinks the best came last.

The Charity Ball.

Two hundred patronesses at five dollars each are desired to open the Charity Ball in April. This is for the benefit of the Infirmary. The tickets are being taken up with encouraging promptness. The affair will be elegant in every detail and it is hoped will become an annual fixture in Lexington.

Donations.

If any of our readers wish to give money, old clothing, services, or provisions, and feel at a loss just where to place it, The Record will take pleasure in giving directions, or in being the medium of delivery to any preferred charity.

Exchanges.

We have received The Gleaner, a twin sister to The Record in the object for which it gleams. Editor, Mrs. Angus Campbell, Memphis, Tenn. Heartsease comes to us from St. John's Hospital, Brooklyn.

The Industrial School.

Do not forget this admirable institution on North Upper street. Offer your services as teachers in the Saturday school. Send them donations of material to be used in the sewing rooms, and send provisions to furnish their dinner.

Christian Endeavor.

A society of Christian Endeavor has been organized at the Chestnut Street Mission under the auspices of the Broadway Christian Church.

St. Joseph's Hospital.

There is an unusual amount of sickness reported by Sister Euphrasia. All hands are kept busy.

Visitors.

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